

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
Date: July 12, 2012
RE: 2012 DNC Grant Project Ordinance

Executive Summary

The City of Charlotte will host the Democratic National Convention (DNC) from September 4, 2012 thru September 6, 2012. Due to the security measures needed for this event, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department has requested that the Durham Police Department provide additional law enforcement personnel and services from September 1, 2012 thru September 7, 2012 under the statutory authority to enter into temporary enforcement assistance agreements. The City of Charlotte has offered to reimburse the City of Durham for the costs incurred for this assistance. The total cost that will be reimbursed is an amount up to \$413,378.54, including a contingency of \$80,140.62. This amount includes costs for personnel, transportation, mileage, and travel days per diem.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the City of Charlotte Request for Temporary Law Enforcement Assistance, 2012 DNC Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$413,378.54.

Background

The City of Charlotte is hosting the DNC from September 4, 2012 thru September 6, 2012. The DNC is expected to draw large crowds and present security issues due to the political figures that will be in attendance. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department does not have adequate personnel resources to manage such an event and is dependant upon officers from outside of their jurisdiction for assistance. Durham Police Officers are expected to arrive in Charlotte on September 1, 2012 for training and other preparations and are expected to return to Durham on September 7, 2012.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chief of Police has requested temporary law enforcement assistance from the Durham Police Department under a Temporary Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement Services.

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-288, the Mutual Assistance Agreement provides that, while working for the requesting agency, a borrowed officer “shall for personnel and administrative purposes, remain under the control of his own agency, including for purposes of pay.” Thus, the City of Charlotte cannot pay officers from the Durham Police Department directly for assistance provided pursuant to a mutual assistance agreement. However, in order to ensure that the necessary assistance is provided, the City Of

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Charlotte has offered to reimburse the City of Durham for each officer at a designated rate of pay, dependant upon the officer's rank for this event.

Issues/Analysis

Due to the large crowds and security issues involving a Democratic National Convention, the City of Charlotte is reliant upon officers from other jurisdictions to help provide adequate security measures. It would be economically sound for the City of Durham to accept reimbursement for these costs.

Alternatives

The City of Durham could choose to not receive reimbursement for costs incurred for law enforcement assistance to the City of Charlotte, but doing so would require the Durham Police Department to cover expenses for which it has not budgeted. Consequently, the Durham Police Department may have to decline providing assistance for this event. This could adversely affect the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's ability to provide adequate security measures at this event and would likely have a negative effect on the Durham Police Department's ability to receive reciprocal assistance if needed in the future.

Financial Impact

There will be no financial impact on the City's General Fund. The City of Charlotte will fully reimburse the City for all costs associated with the DNC.

SDBE Summary

Due to the nature of this item, a SDBE summary is not required.